GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF X-RAY MACHINES AT STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have identified stations to be targeted by terrorist in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways proposes to set up X-ray machines at such stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of other steps taken by the Railways to check such activities in trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 185 Railway Stations including 17 metro stations over Indian Railways have been identified as vulnerable where security systems are proposed to be upgraded.

(c) Yes, Sir. X-Ray machines are proposed to be installed at very important railway stations.

(d) Procurement process has been started for installing X-Ray machines for screening luggage/baggage of passengers at very important Railway Stations. One such machine has been installed at Kolkata Terminal Railway Station (Chitpur) and another Machine has been procured for platform No. 18 at Delhi Main station. Moreover, procurement of 29 numbers of X-Ray machines are under process with Zonal Railways.

(e) Security Arrangements over Indian Railways:

Number of trained sniffer dogs in the existing Railway Protection Force Dog Squads is being increased.
Bomb Detection and Disposal equipments, Close Circuit Televisions, Hand Held Metal Detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors are being provided at sensitive Railway stations for anti-sabotage checks.
Intensive publicity is being made through public awareness campaigns alerting and educating passengers / public to remain vigilant against any unidentified / unclaimed suspicious objects lying on platforms, other premises or coaches and to report to Railway Protection Force / Government Railway Police / Railway staff available nearby.
Close co-ordination with GRP, State Police and Central Intelligence agencies is maintained to ensure regular exchange of intelligence.
The rake of trains is being thoroughly checked before drawing the same to the platforms. Trains are escorted from the yards to the platforms.
Sensitive trains are escorted by Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police personnel.